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H. H. NELSON,

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Hongkong, May 21, 1879.

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CAPITAL, \$800,000.
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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East,

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

THE AGENCY of this BANK at FOOCHOW will be CLOSED and WITHDRAWN from 1st July next.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS and FIXED DEPOSIT RECEIPTS will be PAID there AT ONCE with INTEREST to Date, or transferred to this Branch at the Exchange of the Day at the option of Constituents.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
p. Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,

Hongkong, May 28, 1879.

NOTICE.

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(Incorporated 7th of 18th March, 1848.)

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CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....£3,200,000.

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The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking and Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
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Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

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&c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, August 6, 1879.

Auctions.

Notices of Firms

NOTICE.

M. ALEXANDER PALMER MC-EWEN is authorized to SIGN the Name of our Firm.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, August 5, 1879. au12

NOTICE.

I HAVE TO-DAY established myself at this Port as GENERAL MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT.

A. SCHOMBURG.

Hoibow, August 1, 1879. au15

NOTICE.

DOG LOST.

LOST, from H. B. M. Consulate, Canton,

on the 2nd of May last, a rough-haired SCOTCH TERRIER of an Iron Grey Colour, with cut Ears and Tail, and answering to the Name of "WASP."

There is reason to believe that the Dog is now in Hongkong.

A Reward of \$10 will be given to any one who will give such information as will lead to his recovery.

H. B. M. Consulate, Canton, August 2, 1879. au18

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 6th, to SATURDAY, the 16th of August (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 31, 1879. au16

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be Held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 16th day of August next, at THREE O'CLOCK p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1879.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 31, 1879. au16

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be OPENED on or about the 16th Instant as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 6, 1879. au13

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Hongkong, August 6, 1879. au15

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Hongkong, August 6, 1879. au13

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Intimations.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878, AND THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the YEAR ending December 31st 1878, and for the SIX MONTHS from January 1st to June 30th 1879; in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of the Portion of PROFITS Reserved for CONTRIBUTORs may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to October 31st next, will be adjusted by the Company and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 24, 1879. a/c 31

YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. on the NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED, payable at our OFFICE on and after the 15th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors,
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE.

THE EXCHANGE ROOMS in MARINE HOUSE, Queen's Road Central, are Open daily for the use of MEMBERS from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Special Days—TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, from 12 to 12.30 and 4 to 4.30 p.m.

Applications for admission as Members to be addressed to

E. GEORGE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, June 18, 1879.

Notices to CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship *City of Tokio*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that all Cargo remaining undelivered at 12 a.m. To-morrow, the 3rd Inst., will be landed and stored at their risk and expense.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 2, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. PEI-HO.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Gange*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godown, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-morrow, the 6th Inst., at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after TUESDAY, the 12th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 5, 1879. a/c 12

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Yangtsze.

AME (in diamond) Nos. 16/17, Or, 2 cases
T J Flannel, from L'don.

Ex Anadyr.

Mr Charles Bonnet, 1 case Shirts, &c., from Marseilles.

B & C (in diamond) Order, 150 bales Cotton, from Madras.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 30, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY & TAMSUI.

The Steamship "HALOONG,"

Captain Goode, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 9th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, August 7, 1879. a/c 13

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "KWANGTUNG,"

Captain Abbott, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 10th Inst., at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, August 7, 1879. a/c 14

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY, TAIWANFOO & TAMSUI.

The Steamship "ALBAY,"

Capt. F. ASHTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 13th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, August 7, 1879. a/c 13

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN,

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports,

TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The A 1 Chartered Steamer "OLLA."

Capt. ANDRESEN, Commander, will

be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 23rd Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 7, 1879. a/c 23

FOR BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR NEW ZEALAND.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamship "BRISBANE"

will be despatched as above on or about the 25th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 7, 1879. a/c 23

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the Matter of HO KWONG MING, a Bankrupt.

THE Final Examination in the above BANKRUPTCY has been adjourned to MONDAY, the 11th Instant, at 11 a.m. (signed) C. B. PLUNKETT, Registrar.

Hongkong, August 7, 1879. a/c 8

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. G. JAMES, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 12th August, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Residence, No. 11, Queen's Road,—

The whole of the

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,

comprising:—

Green Rep-covered Drawing-room Suite.

English-made Mahogany Centre Table, Blackwood Marble-top Tea Pots, Clocks, Chimney Glasses, Engravings, Bronzes, Ornaments, and Carpets.

English-made Mahogany Dining Table, Teakwood Carved Sideboard, Whatnots, Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets, Glass and Plated Ware,

Bedsheets, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Cheval Glass, English-made Mahogany Marble-top Bureau, Marble-top Washstand, Book Case, and Books.

Westley Richards and Snider Rifles; Centre-Fire and Snap Action Fowling-Pieces, Revolvers.

&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Monday, the 11th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, August 7, 1879. a/c 12

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

BEETHOVEN, German barque, Captain R. Haje.—Melschers & Co.

AGNES MUIR, British ship, Capt. James Lowe.—Meyer & Co.

SAINT MARY, British steamer, Captain Johnson.—Meyer & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Aug. 6, *Yottung*, British steamer, 286, D. McDouall, Swatow Aug. 5, General—KWOK ACEHONG.

Aug. 7, *Hermann*, German barque, 444, H. Schmidt, Bangkok July 27, General—WIELER & Co.

Aug. 7, *Hazel Holme*, British barque, 405, J. Wm. Millican, Port Pirie, S.A. June 7, Flour, &c.—ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

Aug. 7, *Antioch*, American barque, 646, A. Weeks, Port Townsend May 11, Timber—L. MARLOW.

Aug. 7, *Beethoven*, German barque, from Whampoa.

Aug. 7, *Race Horse*, Siamese barque, 387, T. F. Stelmeyer, Bangkok July 26, Rice—SIEMSEN & Co.

CLEARED.

Ulysses, for Shanghai.

Alex. Newton, for Fowchow.

Parlor, for Amboina.

Rapid, for Newchwang.

Gorm, for Vladivostok.

Annie, for Bangkok.

Colwyn, for San Francisco.

Parmentier, for Manila.

DEPARTURES.

Aug. 7, *Registro*, for Sual.

Charité, for Tientsin.

Tibre, for Yokohama.

Petio, for Shanghai.

Diamante, for Manila.

Envoy, for Amoy and Manila.

Tevot, for London, &c.

Douglas, for Coast Ports.

Hwei Yuen, for Shanghai.

ARRIVED.

For Yottung, from Swatow, 12 Chinese.

For Race Horse, from Bangkok, 1 Chi-

neas.

DEPARTED.

Per Douglas, for Swatow, Miss L. Whilden; for Amoy, 1 Sister of Charity; for Foochow, Mr. W. Boffay.

Per Teiot, for London, Mrs. Punchard and 2 children, and Mr. G. H. Woolcott.

Per Tibre, for Yokohama: from Hongkong, 1 Sister of Charity, and 1 Japanese; from Naples, Messrs. Iwasawa, and Daiko

from Singapore, Mrs. Okazaki; from Saigon, Sœur Françoise Plasies.

Per Peiho, for Shanghai, 1 Chinese.

Per Hwei Yuen, for Shanghai, 60 Chinese.

Per Diamante, for Manila, Messrs. D. M. Forbes, Luiz de Cucula, Maria de Cucula, Jose de Cucula, and R. D. Tucker.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Yottung* reports: Thick and foggy weather with much rain throughout.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For AMOY AND SHANGHAI.—

CAPTAIN THE HON. G. C. Napier has gone to England to advise Her Majesty's Government, the papers say, as to the state of affairs in the Turcoman frontier of North Afghanistan and Persia. Captain Napier was lately exploring—not for the first time—in the mountains north of Khorassan and about the basin of the Atrek. Most likely he knows better than anyone the routes which the Russians have of getting to Merv this season.

We give in another column an article from "Standard" relating to telegrams received by Berlin correspondent to the effect that the negotiations for the restoration by Russia to the Chinese of the Kuldja territory threaten to produce no result. The troops on both sides the frontier are being moved, and a collision is no longer impossible. The "Globe" published a letter from Orenburg stating that the rumoured intention of the Russian Government to surrender Kuldja had caused great sensation among the Tarantsees, who would resist the Chinese rule in conjunction with the Kashgarans.

REFERRED to the question of the *Spectator*, whose wandering words of wisdom on the Exchange and Opium Questions we found room for in these columns a few weeks ago, the *Pioneer* has a few words of plain solid common sense. The *Spectator* asked,—"What would be the effect of sending all Indian opium as Government property to England every month, and sending it here instead of in Calcutta by auction for export to China?" The *Pioneer* says in reply: "One effect would be a further torrent of abuse from the over good people who object to the opium monopoly. In the last number of the *Contemporary* Professor Newman, who writes about "the barbarism of civilization," is very indignant about this matter. What will he say when he hears of the *Spectator's* proposal? That authority, however, believes that by the adoption of its proposal 'one-half at least of the silver difficulty would be ended, and the trade undisturbed.' The *Spectator* is just as ready to remedy the agrarian distress in India:—"We want the courts to disallow any bond not signed in the presence of a registrar, to abolish any right of imprisonment for debt, and to reduce the right of mortgage to the owner's life time." Surely, also, ryots and money-lenders alike should be made to read the *Spectator* every week; *porro unum necessarium.*

THE Rangoon Gazette of 18th July has the following late news from its correspondent at Mandalay, under date of the 11th July:

It was at first believed that the establishment of the lottery offices would be, like

nothing else, temporary. Cultivators have sold out their farming stock, and

determined to win a prize in the State

lotteries. There are no sellers or buyers in

market place, and if one chances to miss

or a servant he is sure to meet him in

one or other of the lottery offices.

Of ten or twenty people are allowed

to enter together and so subscribe their

and buy up tickets. Besides enter-

ing and providing visitors at the differ-

ent lottery offices with lepette, betel and

some of the offices are returning a

small profit.

The villages have turned upon the

tax collectors, wounded many

and a few. They flatly refused to

pay the taxes. The troops were sent up yesterday

by Government officials. What a

mess they will make of the place. The

firmness of the Mixed Court, the

well-known Myotha Woodouk, was dis-

missed on the 9th July and incarcerated,

being suspected of connivance with the

British. Whatever may have been arranged

with reference to the new treaty between

the Kinwoon Mengyee and the British

Resident, King Theebaw will never, it is

feared, ratify it. His Majesty has already

hinted that there exist in the present minis-

try two high officials who entertain a dread

of the English, and threatens to have them

changed. The Myotha is of course one, as

his present punishment will show, but who

can the other be; surely not the Kinwoonie,

who is honored with the title of Mengyee

Thetawshay, which exempts him from any

punishment. The title literally gives protec-

tion to his life only, and not his post.

The Mugway Wongyee is still on the staff;

doing nothing at home.

WITH regard to the state of affairs in the

same region, an Indian paper, whose in-

formation is seldom wrong, says:—

The Burmese Government is said to be

very nervous about Colonel Horace Browne

having been selected to go up to Mandalay

as the British Resident. A little while ago

there was a rumour to the effect that he

was being sent with an ultimatum. This

story was altogether groundless, as it turned

out; though told at Rangoon—with the

object apparently of stirring up discord—so

circumstantially that it was generally

believed at the time. We may anticipate

the possible revival of the old *canard*, and

perhaps soothe apprehensions at Mandalay,

where, strange to say, English newspapers

are read, we hear, with avidity,—by stating

positively that Colonel Browne's selection

has no hostile significance.

THE ASSAM Government is interesting itself

in schemes for the development of silk

manufactures. Now that great improve-

ments have been made in the art of winding

Tasar cocoons and dyeing this kind of silk,

results have been obtained with it which

equal those of European silk farms. The

Assam Government, therefore, is of opinion,

we read, "that the produce of Tasar and

silkworms of India may eventually

claim as firm a position in the European

market as the produce of the mulberry

silkworm. Directions will be issued for

collecting specimens of various wild silk

found in Assam, in order that these may be

sent home for report. It is conceived that

some of them might be worth cultivating

besides the Tasar kind. The worms thrive

on common jungle trees, and though it is

difficult to forecast the expense and profits

any attempt to cultivate them on a large

scale, the local Government is of opinion

that the attention of the Europeans engaged

in tea cultivation in Assam might be ad-

vantageously directed to the production of

silk as well. Already it appears, one silk

manufacturer in France, M. David, of St.

Etienne, has expressed his willingness to

explore 2,000 kilogrammes (56 tons) of

silkworm cocoon at 1 franc per kilogramme for

experiment, and there can be no doubt that

the manufacturers would be willing to go

into similar operations. The price above

quoted would probably not be remunerative.

Taking all allowances, it would be equiv-

alent to about 8 annas a seer in Assam; but

if the experiments answer, there can be no doubt that the price of Indian silk at home would rise."

Police Intelligence. (Before C. V. O'Cragh, Esq.)

A GOOD RIDDANCE.

Tang Achung, a coolie, was charged with being a rogue and vagabond and being dangerous to the peace of the Colony.

Inspector Corco an stated that the defendant was released from gaol this morning, having undergone six months' imprisonment with hard labour. He charged him with being a character dangerous to the peace of the Colony.

Defendant admitted having several previous convictions against him and promised to leave the Colony and never return, if his passage were paid to San U.

His Worship discharged the prisoner and ordered his passage to be paid as desired.

A CHINESE TEACHER STEALING DISH-COVERS.

Chen Too Fai, was charged with stealing six dish-covers from the Hong Heng Hotel on the 7th inst.

P. S. William Staunton stated that when he was on duty near Gibb's Wharf, he saw the defendant carrying the things produced in Court, wrapped in a place of cloth. He asked him what he had got there, when he said he was taking some dish-covers from a schoolmaster in Gilman Street to Canton. Witness suspected that he was not telling the truth, and made him take him to the house where he said he had got the things. They went to No. 38 Gilman Street; the room was quite dark; he heard men talking inside; defendant called out something to them about dish-covers although he had warned him against saying anything. One of the men said that the dish-covers belonged to defendant. He took the man to the station. On the way there he said that a man owed him some money, which he was unable to pay, and had left the dishes as payment of the debt. Witness then noticed the characters "Hong Heng" on the dishes and made enquires.

They were gifted only with the ordinary instinct of the animal, we should soon put a period to the present state of affairs. A fowl will not continue to lay eggs if they are not removed. Cannot we sink our superiority for once and act like very sensible birds.

From the amount of tea shipped, we may

reasonably infer that most of the houses in

China have a large interest already at stake, and it is also perfectly clear that the result

will be most disastrous if we persist in our old mad course. Would it not be far better, by stopping supplies at once, to turn what looks like a certain loss into a certain profit, than to go on shipping in the blind hope that the profits on later shipments may cover the losses on the first, whilst by that very action we are causing the loss which would not otherwise occur?

Is there a man in China who dare contradict the statement that if we stop shipping altogether for six weeks or two months the whole of the tea gone forward will not pay handsomely? Then why, with our boasted

intelligence, can't we do this? The uneducated Chinaman would do it at once.

Call a public meeting if necessary, but better far have a tacit understanding, and let all the Chaaezees stop buying to-morrow morning. By this simple expedient we should accumulate a large stock here which we should likewise turn to good account.

This is "a consummation devoutly to be wished," but scarcely to be hoped for.

Would it not upset the lethargic fatalism of Brown, who argues, "My dear fellow, you can't stop the ball when it is once set rolling," and would rather let it roll on and himself be ruined, than stretch out a hand to save himself?

And would it not subvert the cut-throat policy of Jones? As he reads this letter, I fancy I see that ferret eye twinkled knowingly

—that eye, which he has deigned to cast over the works of Tyndall and Huxley, and muddled what it pleased him to call his brain to such an extent that he almost fancies he is his own creator. "I see it all," he says, "this is just a dog of Robinson & Co. to get tea kept back so that their heavy shipments may pay. Clever dog, Robinson! But I'll be equal with him yet. We shall never do any good till Robinson & Co. are out of the trade. I shall just go in and beat Robinson & Co."

Defendant stated that last witness told him to order the dinner, and also that the covers belonged to him; he took them this morning with the intention of pawning them.

Sentenced to ten weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

A WICKED EYE.

Pai Alum, a chair coolie, was charged with stealing two water buckets, a property of a stevedore residing on the Praya.

Defendant stated that he was only looking at the buckets when he was given in charge.

Four weeks' hard labour will probably

make the man keep his eyes off buckets in the future.

AN UNGRATEFUL LODGER.

Wong Atso, a bricklayer, was charged with stealing an umbrella, a quantity of clothing and bricklayer's tools, from a man named Fan Aping, an old friend of his, in whose house he had been putting up for the first night after his return to the Colony.

He admitted the charge, and was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

FOND OF VEGETABLES.

Li Acheung, trader, and Chun Aming, a married woman, were charged with being in possession of two tubs of pickled vegetables value \$60, the property of Kwok Sam Kwei, a merchant.

Li Acheung, the first defendant, was charged with stealing an umbrella, a quantity of clothing and bricklayer's tools, from a man named Fan Aping, an old friend of his, in whose house he had been putting up for the first night after his return to the Colony.

He admitted the charge, and was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

THE POSTAL SERVICE WITH CHINA, &c.

(The Times.)

A pamphlet has just been published by Mr Edward Stanford on "Government Subsidies and the Postal Services with India, China, and Australia." It has been written at the request of Messrs. Anderson, Anderson & Co., joint managers of the Orient Steam Navigation Company. This is one of the best appointed and most enterprising of the younger lines of steamers that have come into being since the Suez Canal was opened, and as such its managers naturally hoped to receive at least the liberty to tender for the mail service to Australia. Owing presumably to some mistake or misapprehension on the part of the authorities, this liberty was practically withheld. The Orient Company has, therefore, had drawn up a statement of its own on the whole question of the Eastern mail service, the routes now chosen, and the subsidies paid. We are bound to say that this statement is temperate; and that it raises issues of vital interest both for this country and its great dependencies abroad, which can not be the least doubt. The facts and figures adduced in support of the conclusions advanced are often of a startling character. We can here only in the briefest way indicate its leading conclusions. These are—firstly, that the new contract, while containing a monopoly altogether unnecessary and in many ways prejudicial, obtains no equivalent benefit for the nation. On the contrary, the subsidy to be paid under the new contract is considerably higher, reckoned by the mileage rate, than any heretofore paid, notwithstanding the cheapening of maintenance which has occurred since the Suez Canal was opened. This point is of importance not only to the Home Government, but to India

Falls.



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Hongkong, July 30, 1879. au12

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Hongkong, August 4, 1879. au18

NOTICE.

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at the Agency's Office.)

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
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Hongkong, August 6, 1879. au19

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H. M. BLANCHARD,
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Hongkong, August 1, 1879.

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